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## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed May 10, 2002, in compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The listed documents were cited in a Search Report of a corresponding European application. The Examiner might find these documents relevant for the reasons noted therein. A copy of the Search Report is included for the Examiner's convenience.

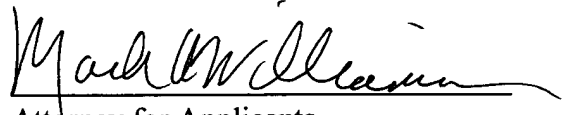
It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(e)

Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

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